

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 27 (canceled)

28. (previously presented) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which is injection molded using a metal mold, and which contains, by weight, more than 10%, and up to 17%, of Al; 0.1 to 10% of Zn; 1 to 10%, of Sn; and 0.05 to 1.5% of Mn, whose surface is covered with an oxide film which contains Mg of 15 to 35% by atoms.

29. (previously presented) A high strength Mg based casting alloy according to claim 28, wherein said oxide film further includes an oxide of Al of less than 15% by atoms.

30. (previously presented) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which is injection molded using a metal mold, and which contains, by weight, more than 10%, and up to 17%, of Al; 0.1 to 10% of Zn; 1 to 10%, of Sn; and 0.05 to 1.5% of Mn, whose surface is covered with an inert oxide film having a natural immersion electric potential, 30 minutes after immersing into an aqueous solution of 0.01 mol Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, pH of 9.2 and a temperature of 25°C, which is greater than -1500mV.

Claims 31 - 33 (canceled)

34. (previously presented) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which is injection molded using a metal mold, and which contains, by weight, 12 to 15% of Al; 0.1 to 5% of Zn; 1 to 10% of Sn; 0.1 to 0.5% of Mn; at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ca, Si and rare-earth elements of which the total content is less than 5%; at least one kind of element selected from the group consisting of Sr and Sb of which the total content is less than 1%; and the remainder which is consisting essentially of Mg, whose surface is covered with an oxide film which contains Mg of 15 to 35% by atoms.

35. (previously presented) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which is injection molded using a metal mold, and which contains, by weight, 12 to 20% of Al; and 1 to 10%, of Sn, whose surface is covered with an oxide film which contains Mg of 15 to 35% by atoms.

36. (previously presented) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which is injection molded using a metal mold, and which contains, by weight, 2 to 20% of Al; 1 to 10%, of Sn; and less than 1.5% of Mn, whose surface is covered with an oxide film which contains Mg of 15 to 35% by atoms.

37. (previously presented) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which is injection molded using a metal mold, and which contains, by weight, 12 to 15% of Al; 0.1 to 5% of Zn; 1 to 10% of Sn; 0.1 to 0.5% of Mn; at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ca, Si and rare-earth elements of which the total content is less than 5%; at least one kind of element selected from the group consisting of Sr and Sb of which the total content is less than 1%; and the remainder which is consisting

essentially of Mg, whose surface is covered with an inert oxide film having a natural immersion electric potential, 30 minutes after immersing into an aqueous solution of 0.01 mol Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, pH of 9.2 and a temperature of 25°C, which is greater than -1500mV.

38. (previously presented) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which is injection molded using a metal mold, and which contains, by weight, 12 to 20% of Al; and 1 to 10%, of Sn, whose surface is covered with an inert oxide film having a natural immersion electric potential, 30 minutes after immersing into an aqueous solution of 0.01 mol Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, pH of 9.2 and a temperature of 25°C, which is greater than -1500mV.

39. (previously presented) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which is injection molded using a metal mold, and which contains, by weight, 2 to 20% of Al; 1 to 10%, of Sn; and less than 1.5% of Mn, whose surface is covered with an inert oxide film having a natural immersion electric potential, 30 minutes after immersing into an aqueous solution of 0.01 mol Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, pH of 9.2 and a temperature of 25°C, which is greater than -1500mV.

Claims 40 and 41 (canceled)